

# COCHIN

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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## COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday,

*5th August 1937.*

*21st Karkadagam 1112.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. S. Balarama Ayyar, P. Raman Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao were absent.

### Questions and Answers.

#### Retrenchment Committee Report— particulars regarding.

71. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—  
Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Retrenchment Committee that had been appointed by the Government have submitted their report;

(b). whether a copy of the same will be supplied to the Members of the Council;

(c) whether a copy of the same will be placed on the Council Table?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a), (b) and (c) Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Oranganur*).—Are the Government aware that in our very neighbourhood the Congress Government

have decided that a minister of theirs should not receive more than Rs. 500?

**Mr. President.**—It does not arise out of this question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—I want to stress that a retrenchment is essential.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether this Retrenchment Committee was appointed as a committee of this House?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—I don't understand the question.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the Retrenchment Committee to which reference is made is a committee of this House appointed by this House?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—No.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know how did this committee happen to be constituted?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—The committee was appointed by Government.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—What was the object in constituting the committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—To find out whether any retrenchment was possible.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether this House had anything to do with the appointment of the Committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—So far as the appointment is concerned it had nothing to do.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the desire of the House was attempted to be ascertained as far as the members of this committee are concerned?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—I don't understand the Hon'ble Member's question at all.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the committee that was constituted and which

has reported had anything to do with the non-official section of this House?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—Some non-official members of this House are members of the committee.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the members of this House had any voice in the constitution of this committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—The committee was not elected by this House but was nominated by Government.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether we will be justified in taking that the committee is independent of the non-official section of the House?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—I cannot understand the question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*).—May I know the reason why it was not left to the Council to elect the committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—I don't follow the question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*).—Inasmuch as this committee came into being as a result of the pressure exerted by the non-officials of this House why was it not left to the House to elect the committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—Government did not think it necessary.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the recommendations of the committee placed before the Government have been taken up for consideration?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*).—They are under the consideration of the Government. In fact orders have been passed on one or two recommendations.

**Mr. President**.—This is a matter on which there are very many cut motions tabled. All these things can be discussed during the discussion of those cut motions. I expect Hon'ble Members also to co-operate with the Chair for facilitating the business of the House.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).**—If the position is that all these subject-matters are covered by cut motions there will be no occasion to put supplementary questions.

**Mr. President.**—I am only suggesting to the House whether in view of the fact that this has been put down specifically for discussion in the course of this day, there is any necessity to spend the rest of the time in asking supplementary questions on this. I have no objection if the Hon'ble Members are intent on asking supplementary questions on this subject till 12 o'clock.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—May I know whether the Government will be pleased to take this House into their confidence in passing orders upon the recommendations of the committee?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—In what way?

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—I shall suggest one method. Will the Government be pleased to place this report for the consideration of this House?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—That is one of the cut motions tabled so far as the demand under General Administration is concerned. Government will be guided by the opinion of this House as expressed by the result of the cut motion.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).**—Can I have information on that query at this stage?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—No.

**72. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi).**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Retrenchment Committee have reported?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).**—Yes.

#### Retrenchment—Budget—Circular regarding.

**73. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has issued any circular to the Heads of Departments regarding retrenchment in the preparation of next year's budget; if so, will a copy of the circular be placed on the table?